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all over the world: the standard of living of the American operatives is becoming higher; and the standard of living of operatives in other countries, though still much behind the American, is steadily improving. In some cases the author has not kept up with the recent publications. For instance, his statements as to the wages paid cotton pickers and the number of spindles tended per spinner are those of years ago; also, for a technical reader, his description of some of the machine processes seems to be slurred over with too general a statement.

It is easy to pick out points in which the author has not been entirely accurate, but most of them are not material enough to affect the value of the work. Taken altogether the book is carefully written, and it merits wide use by schools and by those desiring to gain a good knowledge of the textile industry without having to wade through too many technical details. Though written primarily for popular consumption, the volume could be used for ready reference by those who have technical training.

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NEW BOOKS

SHAW, F. L. *The building trades.* (Cleveland, O.: Survey Committee of Cleveland Foundation. 1916. Pp. 107. 25c.)

SHAW, F. L. *The printing trades.* (Cleveland, O.: Survey Committee of Cleveland Foundation. 1916. Pp. 95. 25c.)

WIEST, E. *The butter industry in the United States. An economic study of butter and oleomargarine.* Columbia University studies in history, economics and public law, vol. LXIX, no. 2. (New York: Longmans. 1916. Pp. 264. \$2.)

To be reviewed.

Proceedings of the twentieth annual meeting of the American Foundrymen's Association, Atlantic City, Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 1915. (Cleveland, O.: A. O. Backert, secretary. 1916. Pp. x, 672. \$5.)

Shirt and collar industries. (Washington: Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce. 1916. Pp. 178. 20c.)

Transportation and Communication

The Commodities' Clause. A Treatise on the Development and Enactment of the Commodities' Clause and its Construction when Applied to Inter-State Railroads Engaged in the Coal Industry. By THOMAS LATIMER KIBLER. (Washington: John Byrne and Company. 1916. Pp. 178. \$3.00.)

The first chapter of this book deals with the status of railway